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Applicants' Response, filed 10/23/03, is not fully responsive to the Restriction requirement, mailed 9/23/03. Applicants elect newly added method claim 37, and assert that claim 16 [Group VI] and newly added claims 38-52 be examined with independent claim 37. This is not responsive because newly added claim 37 is directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Thái-An N. Ton whose telephone number is (703) 305-1019. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 to 5:00 (Eastern Standard Time), with alternating Fridays off. Should the examiner be unavailable, inquiries should be directed to Deborah Reynolds, Supervisory Primary Examiner of Art Unit 1632, at (703) 305-4051. Any administrative or procedural questions should be directed to William Phillips, Patent Analyst, at (703) 305-3482. Papers related to this application may be submitted to Group 1600 by facsimile transmission. Papers should be faxed to Group 1600 via the PTO Fax Center located in Crystal Mall 1. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1989). The CM1 Fax Center number is (703) 872-9306.

Note: After January 13, 2004, the Examiner may be reached at (571) 272-0736. If the Examiner is unavailable, inquiries may be directed to Deborah Reynolds, SPE of Art Unit 1632, at (571) 272-0734.

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